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Alameda Sunday School Head Is Given Furlough

ALAMEDA, Jan. 9—(Special)—T. Miki, popular superintendent of the Sunday School of the local M. E. Church, South, was given an indefinite leave of absence from his duty, at a recent meeting of the teachers.

Miki is retiring mainly because of his wife's illness. Rev. J. R. Fujii will hereafter assume the responsibilities, although the title will be retained by T. Miki.

Shozo Fujii was named secretary and Haruo Imura was chosen treasurer to succeed James Hanamura.

January 10, 1929 • Nichibei Shinbun

Tomoko Miki Funeral Service at JME Alameda, CA • November 1929

2328	393	409	Miki Torao	Head	R	16.50			m	Jp	48
			— George K	Son					m	Jp	17
			— Tsutomu	Son					m	Jp	15
			— Osamu	Son					m	Jp	14
			— Setsuko	Daughter					F	Jp	11

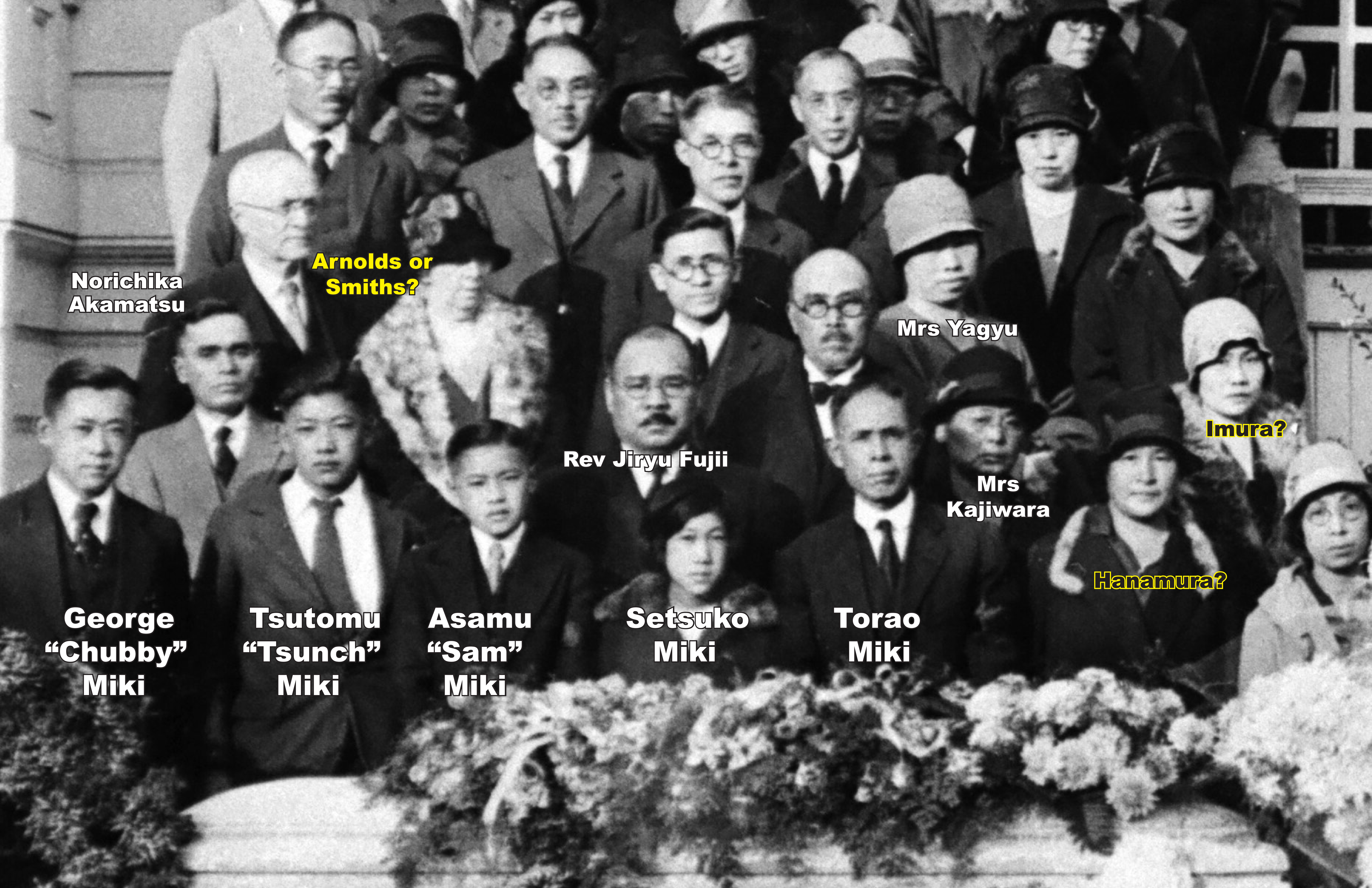
1930 U. S. census, no mention of Tomo

In 1929, Torao Miki was highly thought of at the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He had done much to promote the Christian faith, preaching on street corners to wayward Alamedans. The Miki's were living at 2328 Buena Vista Avenue, across the street and a few doors down from the church.

In early January, Torao took a leave of absense as superintendent of the church school as his wife, Tomo, was ill. We don't know what that illness was, but it could have been tuberculosis, a disease that killed many Japanese in America and Japan.

Whatever the reason, she died on November 2 at age 41, leaving a burgeoning family behind. Just a few days before, on October 29, the stock market had crashed and The Great Depression would consume America for some 10 years.

Torao would die on October 13, 1949. Born in October 23, 1880, his ashes were returned to Fukui, Japan and it is presumed that's where the Miki family gravesite can be found.



Arnolds or Smiths?
Norichika Akamatsu
Mrs Yagyu
Imura?
Rev Jiryu Fujii
Mrs Kajiwara
Hanamura?
George "Chubby" Miki
Tsutomu "Tsunch" Miki
Asamu "Sam" Miki
Setsuko Miki
Torao Miki

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Beyond his work at the church, Torao ran an art and dry goods business in Alameda.

NAME				CREM. NO.	LOT NO.
Miki Torao				11041	
AGE	RACE	SEX	DATE OF DEATH	DATE OF INTERMENT	
58	Jap	M	Oct 13 1949	Oct 17 1949	
REMARKS	Ashes to Fukui for Japan 10 22 49				

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Los Angeles Cemetery Association notice of Torao's ashes being shipped back to Japan



Tomo Miki Funeral at Japanese Methodist Episcopal, South, Church in Alameda, CA. November 1929